

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for determining an effect of a botulinum toxin upon a muscle, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) making a first impression of a skin surface in proximity to a muscle into or in the vicinity of which a botulinum toxin will be administered, the impression being made while the muscle is at a first maximum voluntary contraction;

(b) administering the botulinum toxin to the muscle;

(c) making a second impression of the skin surface in proximity to the muscle, the impression being made while the muscle is at a second maximum voluntary contraction;

(d) ~~examining an impression by illuminating an impression with a single light source~~ the first impression and the second impression by illuminating at least one of the first impression and the second impression with a single light source, and;

(e) ~~determining~~ comparing the first impression and the second impression to determine an effect of a botulinum toxin upon the muscle.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising after the examining step and before the determining step, the step of obtaining from an impression a mean depth of a ~~skin wrinkle~~ plurality of skin wrinkles.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising after the examining step and before the determining step, the step of obtaining from an impression a mean length of a ~~skin wrinkle~~ plurality of skin wrinkles.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising after the examining step and before the determining step, the step of obtaining from an impression a total length of a skin wrinkle.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising after the examining step and before the determining step, the step of obtaining from an impression a total number of skin wrinkles.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising after the examining step and before the determining step, the step of obtaining from an impression a surface area of a skin wrinkle.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising after the examining step and before the determining step, the step of obtaining from an impression a form factor skin characteristic.

8. (Original) the method of claim 1, wherein the determining step determines a paralytic effect of the botulinum toxin upon the muscle.

9. (Currently amended) A method for determining a paralytic effect of a botulinum toxin upon a muscle, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) making a first impression of a skin surface in proximity to a muscle into or in the vicinity of which a botulinum toxin will be administered, the first impression being

made while the muscle is at a first maximum voluntary contraction;

(b) administering the botulinum toxin to the muscle;

(c) making a second impression of the skin surface in proximity to the muscle, the second impression being made while the muscle is at a second maximum voluntary contraction;

(d) ~~examining an impression by illuminating an impression with a single light source~~ the first impression and the second impression by illuminating at least one of the first impression and the second impression with a single light source;

(e) obtaining from ~~an impression at least one of the first impression and the second impression~~ a mean depth, mean length, total length, number of wrinkles, surface area and form factor skin surface characteristics, and;

(f) ~~determining~~ comparing the first impression and the second impression to determine a paralytic effect of a botulinum toxin upon the muscle.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.

12. (Currently amended) A method for determining an effect of a botulinum toxin upon a muscle, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) making a first impression of a skin surface in proximity to a muscle into or in the vicinity of which a

botulinum toxin will be administered, the impression being made while the muscle is at a first maximum voluntary contraction;

(b) administering a botulinum toxin to the muscle;

(c) making a second impression of the skin surface in proximity to the muscle, the impression being made while the muscle is at a second maximum voluntary contraction;

(d) examining ~~an impression~~ the first impression and the second impression;

(e) obtaining from ~~an impression~~ at least one of the first impression and the second impression a mean depth of a ~~skin wrinkle plurality of skin wrinkles~~, and;

(f) ~~determining~~ comparing the first impression and the second impression to determine an effect of a botulinum toxin upon the muscle.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining step further comprises obtaining from an impression a mean length of a ~~skin wrinkle plurality of skin wrinkles~~.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining step further comprises obtaining from an impression a total length of a skin wrinkle.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining step further comprises obtaining from an impression a total number of skin wrinkles.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining step further comprises obtaining from an impression a surface area of a skin wrinkle.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining step further comprises obtaining from an impression a form factor skin surface characteristic.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the determining step determines a paralytic effect of the botulinum toxin upon the muscle.

19. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.

20. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.

21. (Currently amended) A method for determining an effect of a botulinum toxin upon a muscle, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) making a first impression of a skin surface in proximity to a muscle into or in the vicinity of which a botulinum toxin will be administered, the impression being made while the muscle is at a first maximum voluntary contraction;

(b) administering the botulinum toxin to the muscle;

(c) making a second impression of the skin surface in proximity to the muscle, the impression being made while the muscle is at a second maximum voluntary contraction;

(d) examining ~~an impression~~ the first impression and the second impression;

(e) obtaining from ~~an impression~~ at least one of the first impression and the second impression a mean skin wrinkle depth, mean skin wrinkle length, total skin wrinkle length, total

number of skin wrinkles, surface area of a skin wrinkle and form factor skin surface characteristics, and;

(f) ~~determining~~ comparing the first impression and the second impression to determine a paralytic effect of a botulinum toxin upon the muscle.